

# Missouri Virtual Education State Advisory Council

## ***Council Purposes***

The State Advisory Council will

- provide input into Missouri's virtual education issues;
- advocate for virtual education;
- ensure continuity of programs and services;
- provide avenues for implementation of necessary changes; and
- promote working relationships between varied educational entities represented on the Council.

## ***Council Membership***

The Council shall consist of one representative from each of the following stakeholders:

- Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP)
- Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA)
- Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)
- Missouri Distance Learning Association (MODLA)
- Missouri Federation of Teachers (MFT)
- Missouri National Education Association (MNEA)
- Missouri School Boards Association (MSBA)
- Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA)
- Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA)
- Missouri Council for American Private Educators (MOCAPPE)
- Home School Advocate
- House of Representatives
- Senate
- Elementary Parent
- Secondary Parent
- At-Large

DESE staff will serve ex officio.

Each above organization will submit three names of its membership who represent a variety of locations and school district enrollments. Members will be appointed by the Commissioner of Education.

Membership will be established on a three-year rotation cycle with re-appointment eligibility. Initial members, with their consent, will be assigned one, two, and three year terms with one-third of the membership reappointed or replaced in subsequent years.

Should a member retire or otherwise change association affiliation, the association may request a replacement.

Representatives from other agencies and organizations may be invited to attend meetings and participate on the Council meeting agenda as appropriate.

<b><i>Council Meetings</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the first year, the Council may meet bimonthly with quarterly meetings in subsequent years.</li> <li>• Meetings will be conducted in Jefferson City or through technology.</li> <li>• Meeting dates will be set by July 1 for the following fiscal year.</li> <li>• Members should advise DESE staff if they cannot attend, and an alternative association participant will be sought.</li> </ul>

<b><i>Council Roles and Responsibilities</i></b>
<p><u>Major Roles</u>—The Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advise the program’s leadership;</li> <li>• inform various populations about the role of virtual education in Missouri;</li> <li>• assess needs of Missouri students for virtual education opportunities;</li> <li>• advocate for developers who will secure essential resources and connections; and</li> <li>• fulfill other major roles as needed.</li> </ul> <p><u>Specific Responsibilities</u>—The Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recommend changes in virtual education programs that reflect new and anticipated trends;</li> <li>• review long-range plans and establish priorities;</li> <li>• maintain regular attendance at Council meetings; and</li> <li>• fulfill other specific responsibilities as needed.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Council Expectations</i></b>
<p>In addition to the above roles and responsibilities, Council members will be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maintain viable e-mail addresses to facilitate timely transmissions with DESE staff and other Council members and to disseminate virtual education information to their respective associations;</li> <li>• provide input into progress reports from DESE staff on current and forthcoming initiatives;</li> <li>• provide a forum for members to express areas of concern that warrant the attention of the full Council; and</li> <li>• attend Council meetings regularly. Those Council members who miss three consecutive meetings will be contacted to inquire if they wish to discontinue their membership.</li> </ul>